

Throughout opening weekend, May 20, 21 and 22, 2022, visitors can engage with artists and collaborators through a series of free demonstrations and workshops that celebrate the thriving, modern culture of today's Native communities from across the country. Visitors can learn about basket weaving, see bead making, hear hand drums, listen to poetry, and more.

I commend the Field Museum for undertaking what many are saying is a fresh, dynamic, and more representative depiction of the Native American experience both past and present.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my esteemed House colleagues to come to Chicago and experience the Field Museum's newest exhibition first hand.

HONORING MR. ARNOLD FIELKOW
AS A 2022 AVODAH AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my constituent Mr. Arnold Fielkow on the occasion of his recognition as a 2022 Avodah Award recipient, one of the highest awards granted to a social justice leader in the Jewish Community of New Orleans.

Arnold Fielkow with his wife, Dr. Susan Fielkow, and their three boys, Justin, Michael and Steven, moved to New Orleans in 2000 from Wisconsin when Fielkow took the position of executive vice president with the New Orleans Saints organization. Fifteen years ago, after years of working their way through the international adoption process, and after Hurricane Katrina washed away their original documents, the family adopted half-sisters Yana Shira, 9, and Svetlana, 6, from the Ukraine. To this very day, Arnie and his family are watching the turmoil as it unfolds in Ukraine, hoping to find a safe passage for the sisters and their children of his adopted daughters.

A leader with a knack for business and an expert coalition-builder, Mr. Fielkow worked with the NFL's New Orleans Saints from 2000 to 2005. In this role, he served as the top senior management official presiding over all administrative and business departments for the organization, including community relations and youth programs. Fielkow was instrumental in enhancing the team's influence—internationally, nationally, and locally—throughout Louisiana. He was the key negotiator achieving a landmark 10-year agreement for Saints facilities here in the state, putting his entire career at risk on such a deal.

Fielkow also oversaw tremendous growth in the Saints' youth programming, highlighted by the organization's involvement in the NFL's Junior Player Development program, and the administration of summer youth clinics throughout greater New Orleans. Teaming with the NFL and the Orleans Parish School Board, the Saints were instrumental in returning tackle football to the city's public middle schools.

Arnie left the Saints Organization for public service, elected to the position of

Councilmember At Large for the City of New Orleans. As a City Councilman, he helped rebuild New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, introducing legislation to improve education, economic development, public safety and youth recreation across the storm-ravaged city. Fielkow played a major role in ensuring that recreation and athletics remained a significant focus for the youth of the city.

Upon stepping down from the City Council in a second term, he served as the President and CEO of the National Basketball Retired Players Association (NBRPA), the official association for all former NBA, ABA, WNBA and Harlem Globetrotter players. Under his tenure, the association achieved an all-time high in membership, built strong partnerships with other organizations, and developed a full menu of member programs and new youth-based national community service initiatives.

This new community mission directly led to the creation of the NBRPA's touring youth basketball program and life skills program, which served thousands of at-risk youth in partnership with the National Police Athletic/Activities League and the National Urban League.

I am convinced Arnie never sleeps as he develops new ways to assist those in need. His latest innovative program was jointly created by the Arnie D. Fielkow Family and the Edgar "Dooky" Jr. & Leah Chase Family Foundation. Both names are well-known among New Orleanians, and their collaboration combines the primary passions of each family as seen through their years of philanthropic service. This program is a definitive nod to Arnie Fielkow's nearly 30-year professional career of sports, Judaism, and relationship-building among the diverse subsets of our city's diverse communities. The Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative is designed to build impactful relationships between multicultural and multifait communities in Greater New Orleans. Through practical learning and career skills building, this program services high school students interested in pursuing professions within the sports industry, while at the same time allowing the participating teens to learn about one another's history, traditions, and culture. This exciting initiative launched in October 2021.

Rooted in community and public service, Mr. Fielkow's current work as CEO of the Jewish Federation of New Orleans is his latest step in a lifelong pattern of bringing people together and doing what is best for the people.

Throughout his stellar career, Mr. Fielkow has succeeded in combining his commitment to public service with his love of sports, and always sought to improve access, facilities and programming for our children and young people.

I could go on about the experience, honors, and exemplary leadership that this honoree has displayed, but I want to share something that Mr. Fielkow and I are working on together currently.

Through the congressional Appropriations Community Project Funding Projects, I was able to secure \$3 million dollars for the 9th Ward Stadium Project, whose sole mission is to build a high-quality, multi-use sports recreation stadium for students, schools, and families in New Orleans' 9th Ward. Of course, who other than Mr. Arnie Fielkow is Chair of this organization and is leading the on-the-ground effort to build this facility in a community that

has far too long had to travel to other neighborhoods and other schools to use their sports facilities. This stadium will change many lives for the better in New Orleans' 9th Ward.

The 9th Ward Stadium effort is just the latest example of Mr. Fielkow's love for New Orleans—and sports—in action, and I am so grateful to have secured this funding for this fantastic project.

Congratulations to Mr. Arnie Fielkow on this award. His wife, children, as well as the entire Greater New Orleans Community, are so proud and grateful to have him in our lives.

JAN LYONS

HON. TRACEY MANN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jan Lyons, a great Kansan and this year's winner of the 2022 Jay B. Dillingham Award for Agricultural Leadership and Excellence.

Jan is certainly a deserving recipient of such an honor. As a young person, she got started raising her own angus cattle with a few of her dad's cows. In the 1970s, Jan and her husband Frank Lyons started the Lyons Ranch Angus cowherd south of Manhattan, Kansas, with some of the females originating from her father's herd. Today, Lyons Ranch consists of Jan and Frank and with their daughter Amy and her husband Karl, along with their sons with their wives. Jan's daughter Debbie also manages a cattle operation with her husband. Jan is the matriarch of a true family operation, which is why I'm delighted to honor her here today.

Jan was the first woman president of the Kansas Angus Association. She was also the president of the Kansas Livestock Association and the president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. With all this on her plate, Jan has still found time to serve as a 4-H leader in Riley County where she teaches young people about the importance of agriculture.

Jan has received a great deal of praise for being a trailblazing woman in agriculture. In response to this praise, Jan once said, "Women have always been in agriculture—they just haven't always been the spokespeople. I would like to think that I am just a good rancher and good leader—not a good woman rancher." Well Jan, you are a great rancher and an outstanding leader.

I congratulate Jan on her well-deserved award, and thank her for all her hard work on behalf of Kansas agriculture.

COMMENDING QATAR AND THE
U.S. ON 50 YEARS OF DIPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

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Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, it is with great personal satisfaction that I commend the United States and Qatar on fifty years of diplomatic relations.